

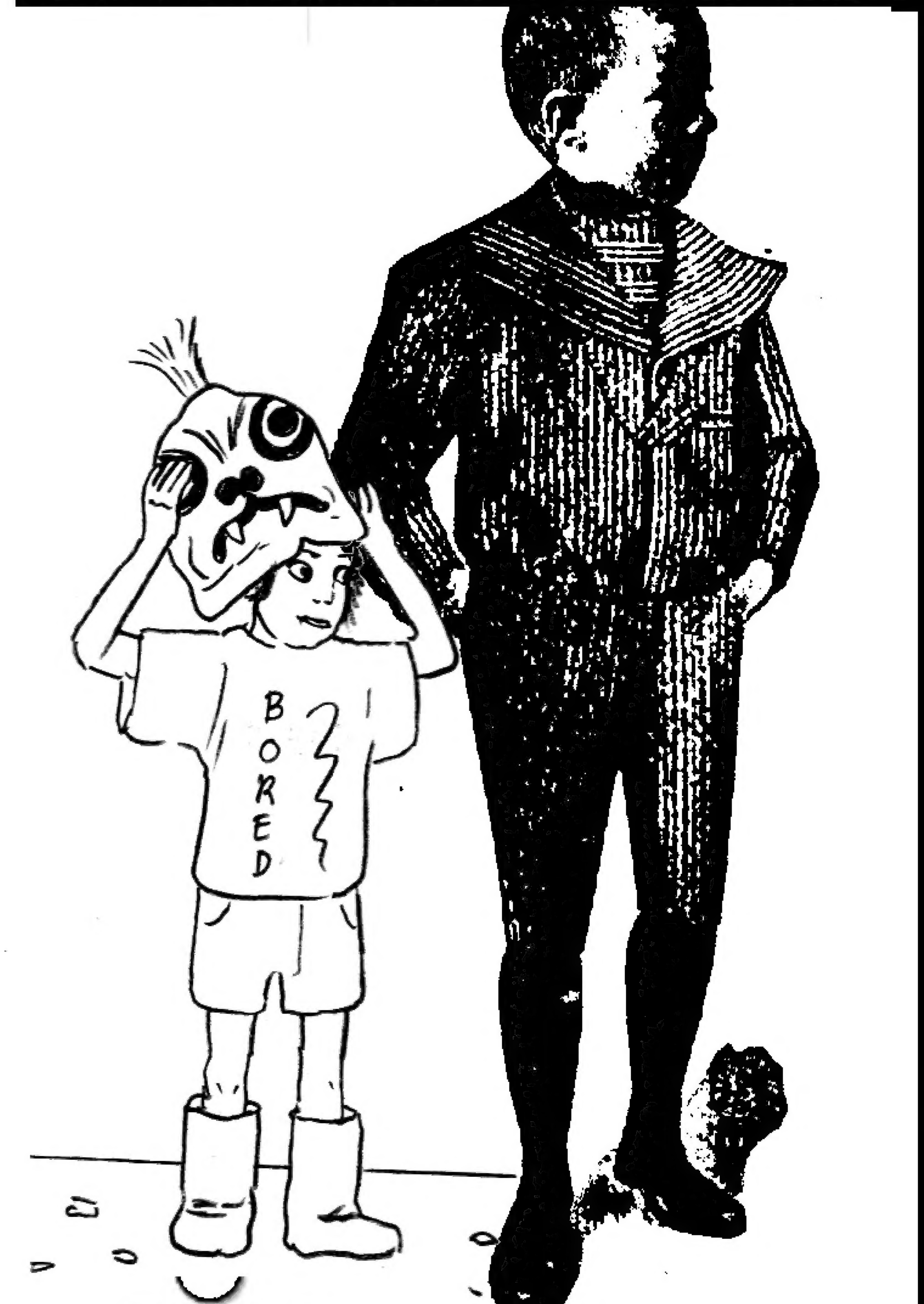
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## CUT ME

Well, it's an entire new year. The year is 2011, you have a whole month to not feel too embarrassed about writing the wrong date on a check. It's eleven (or ten?) years after the last time people thought the world was going to end (or get totally messed up), it's one year (one and a half?) before people think the world is going to end (or get super mega messed up). People always think the world is going to end, and someday it will and seriously 100% totally everyone is going to be surprised. At the same time, every intractable second the world ends. In the meantime we keep eating pickled eggs, listening to Vangelis, and cleaning our rooms. Take a deep breath and remember "it's just information intersecting with information".

## HOLIDAYS IN JANUARY

January is named after Janus, the Roman god of doorways, who shares a common indo-european archetype with similarly-named Ganesh, Lord Of Obstacles, another liminal god of beginnings et cetera. If you want to get in good graces with these good graces, try... red stuff? I think you use red stuff. Anyway there'll always be red stuff... Might as well try it... New Year's Eve happens on the exact cusp of January, it's the only holiday about the future and how great it's going to be / is. Also it's the only holiday that doesn't even occupy a single second of conventional time.

Also Rev Dr Martin Luther King Jr Day is on the 3rd Monday of January (the 17th). It's not the only paid national holiday dedicated to someone assassinated by governmental conspiracy, but it is the only one of the modern era.

## SPACE NEWS

We're going to have a big sky this year, I can just feel it in my face. Some crisp night you'll be out walking with someone, and there'll be a lull, and you'll say, even though no one is talking, "Hey, shut up" and then stand perfectly still while snow absorbs all sound. Maybe this will happen and then you'll laugh, and they'll say, why did you laugh? You can tell them "I was thinking about Uranus".



## SPACE NEWS

Uranus was discovered in 1781 and other names on deck were Herschel and Neptune George III, but they went with Uranus, a Latinization of the greek "Ouranos", Greek deity of the sky, father of Cronus (Saturn) and grandfather of Zeus (Jupiter), and for good or bad that's all there is to it. Official pronunciation puts the accent on the first syllable, but that sounds too much like you're trying to sidestep the obvious, and puts you on the defensive. So for maximum dignity and poetic heft, say it proud as the greeks (might) do, with an accent on the long "ooh": "OOH-rah-nohs". Uranus is visible in dark skies with the naked eye, and with a telescope you might be able to see its brilliant rings arrayed like an archery target, or like looking down on a hula hooper. Uranus rotates on its side, with its axis of rotation nearly parallel with the Sun's equatorial plane, as though literally rolling back and forth across heaven. One Uranian year takes 84 Earth years, during which one side is always in light, and one side is always dark.

For some modern Western astrologers, Uranus is the ruling planet of the sign of Aquarius. The constellation Aquarius USED TO fulfill this role but guess what assholes, THINGS CHANGE. Due to axial precession (planetary wobble), the stars change their relative position by 1 degree every 74 years, which adds up. So despite living in the age of Aquarius, the constellation Aquarius is basically out of the picture.

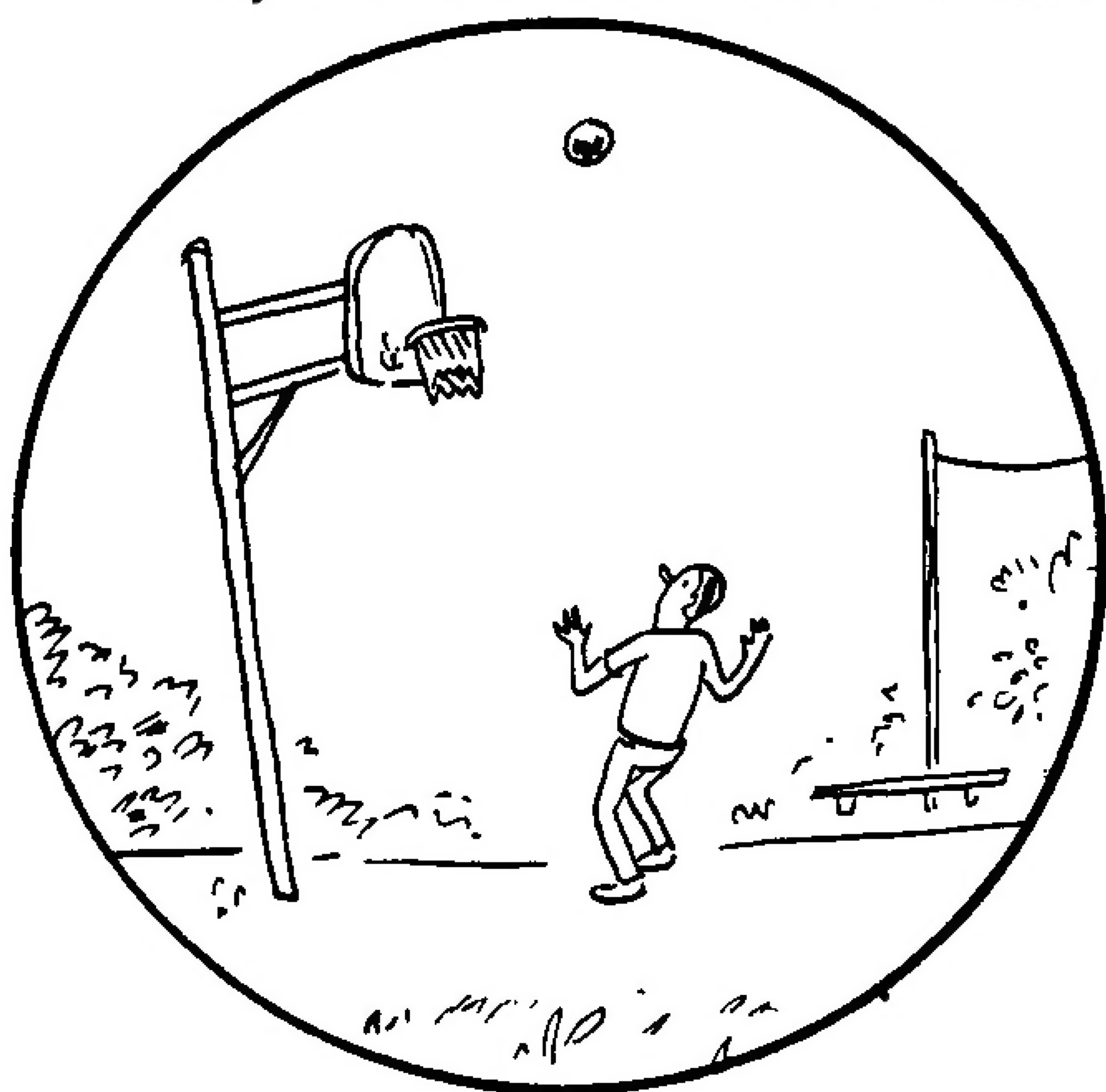
The discovery of Uranus occurred just after the founding of the United States, and just at the beginning of the French Revolution. Before this discovery, and for many thousands of years, Saturn was the planetary system's outer limit, and also the outer limit of material existence. Uranus has come to symbolize total and sudden change or upheaval, unpredictability, modern science, anarchy, destruction of the established order, the sixth sense, and things that we are just now starting to think about and describe. Uranus has 27 moons and 11 rings, and is cyan in color. Uranus, among all planets, mostly governs genius. Uranus' embarrassing name is a helpful reminder of the alchemical principle of things, that you poop them out and then how'd they get in the sky like that and what are they doing and what do they know that you don't?

## SPACE NEWS

Several astronauts returning from spacewalks have reported that space smells like fried steak and hot metal (specifically motorbikes).

## THEE AMBROSE BIERCE MEMORIAL WORD JUMBLE

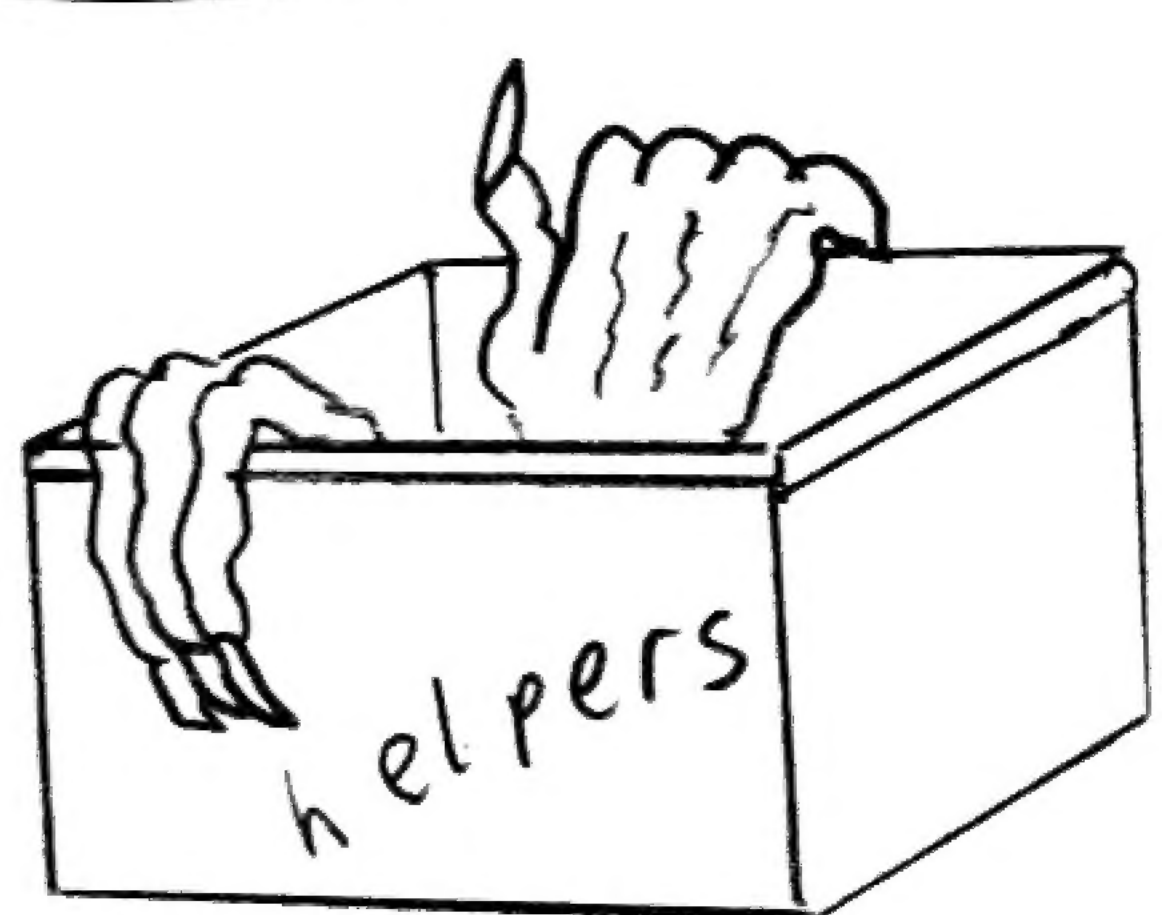
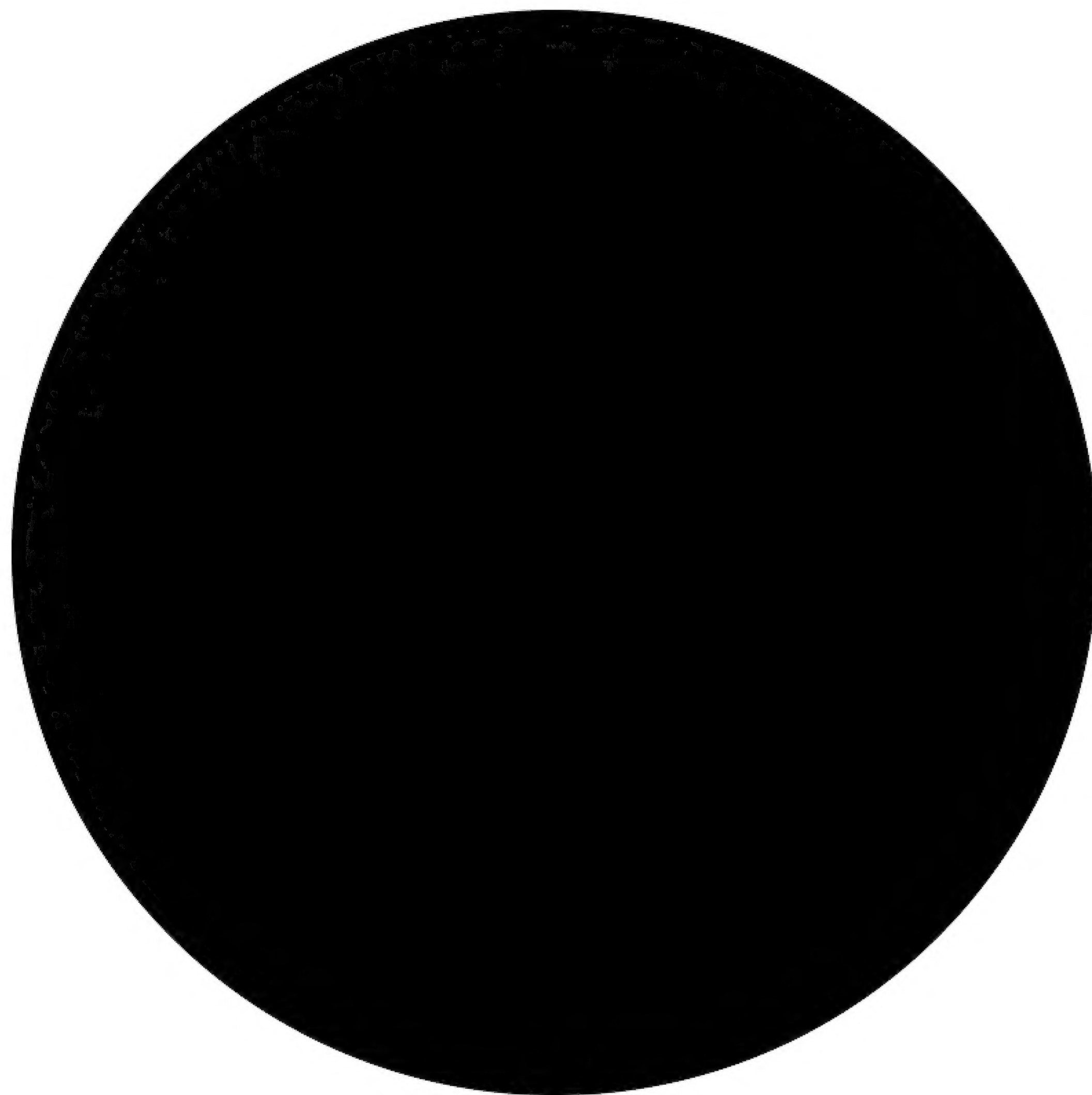
by Ambrose Bierce before he died



BIYATDRSU, n. A statement or belief manifestly inconsistent with one's own opinion.

RATOGAIT, n. A statesman who shakes the fruit trees of his neighbors --to dislodge the worms.

OLANE, adj. In bad company.



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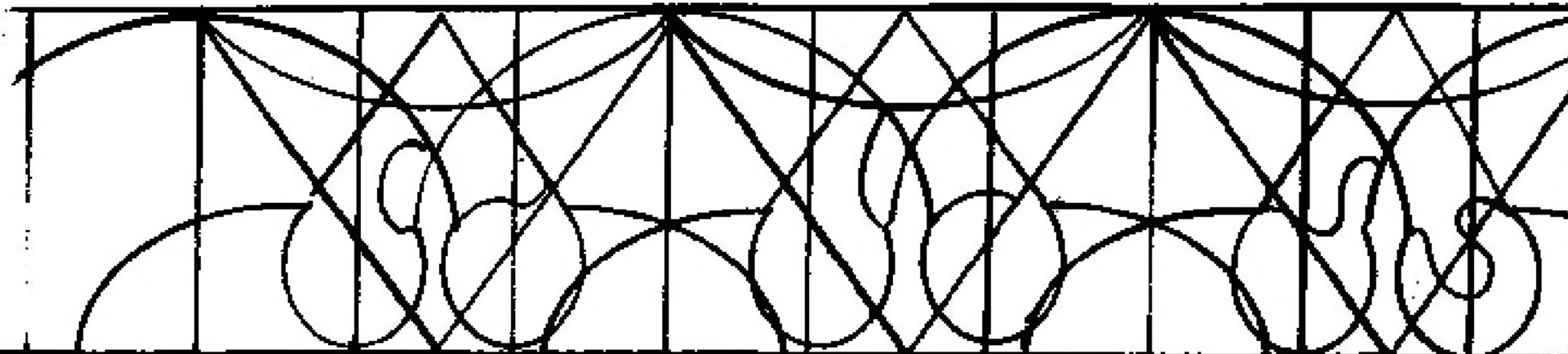
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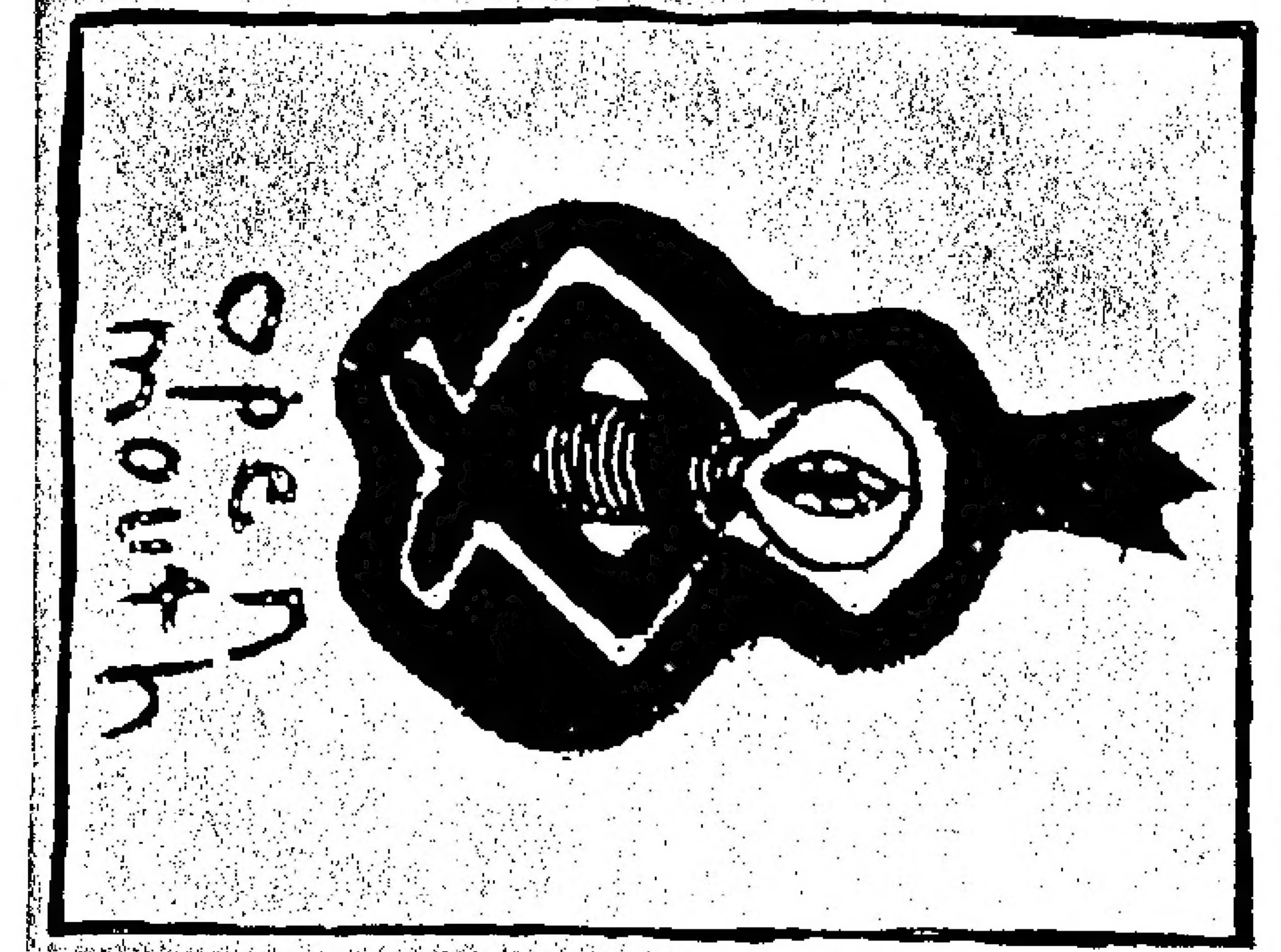




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IN RE: LAST MONTH'S BATMAN

No one found Batman last month! I guess he was pretty hid, despite SEVERAL CLUES that were also included in the newspaper. If you thought you found him and your answer was "behind a thing", you didn't find him. If your answer didn't involve FOLDING THE NEWSPAPER according to THE PROVIDED DIAGRAM, you didn't find him. He's in there, just like every issue. We don't feel all the way bad for making a puzzle that ultimately no one solved, because what is it to dream? nonetheless the takeaway here is sometimes "too clever is dumb".

# I AM NATE MORETTI

## TATTOOER EXTRAORDINAIRE

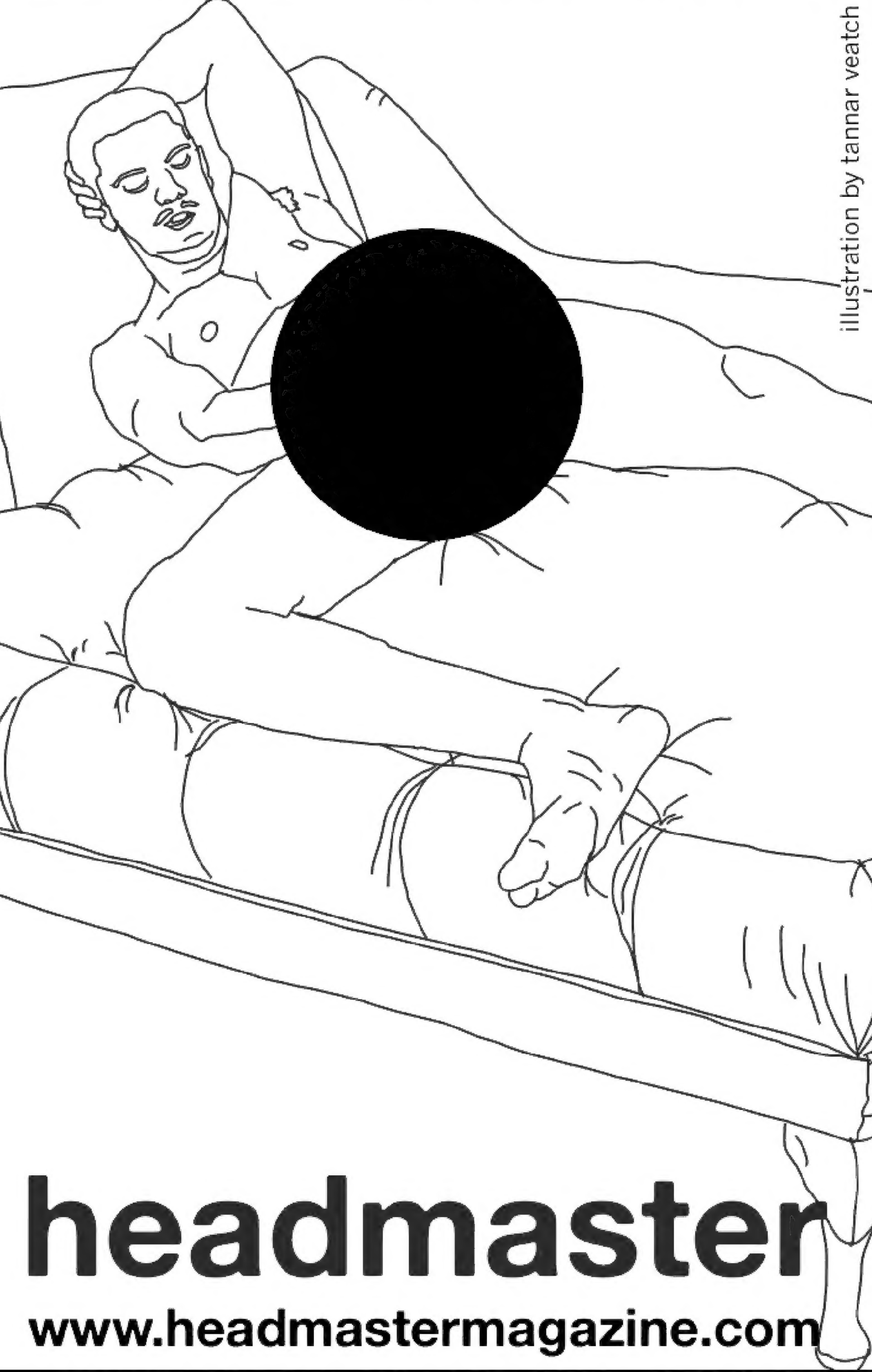


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Yves Klein "Saut dans le vide" 1960

Klien's commitment to symbolically boundless displays of pure contourless blue pigment prefigured such diverse phenomenon as the cable tv "dead channel", the video blue screen, and the National Enquirer "psychic blue dot".

"BYLBYEYBAPYBYIYIBNYYTOBYBTYBHYYBEBYVVOYBYIYBYYBYBDBYB"

## SCENE REPORT: D STOP (#66 & #14)

Kennedy Plaza, Providence

### GENERAL NOTES:

The #66 stops at both CCRI and URI on its way to Wakefield and Galilee. The 8:45 is not the main getting-to-work or getting-to-school bus for the route, so the people on this bus have 10-a.m.-or-later classes (or jobs) and the composition is different than the 7:50 bus, which I used to take. Fewer professional folks, more students lackadaisical or otherwise. People tend to look straight ahead or to the left (where the bus comes from) unless they are talking to someone (also present) who is facing that way. False alarms (a bus pulls up at our stop, but isn't our bus) happen periodically but by no means every time.

There is no good place to stand. If you stand in one place the driver will pull up in another place, especially if you stand in the place he pulled up last time (exceptions as noted below). If you put anything down, beware of spit, gum, or throw-up residue (I have only encountered actual, active throw-up once). Pigeons peck at the gunge that blows up against the curb.

Regardless of the weather, people tend to observe a minimum 24-inch distance all around from their fellow travelers, unless they are members of a clump or category (examples: Music Students; Tiny Girls) or in the case of a false alarm, as noted below, but on warmer days they tend to be strung more loosely from the near end of the station to the butt of the next bus.

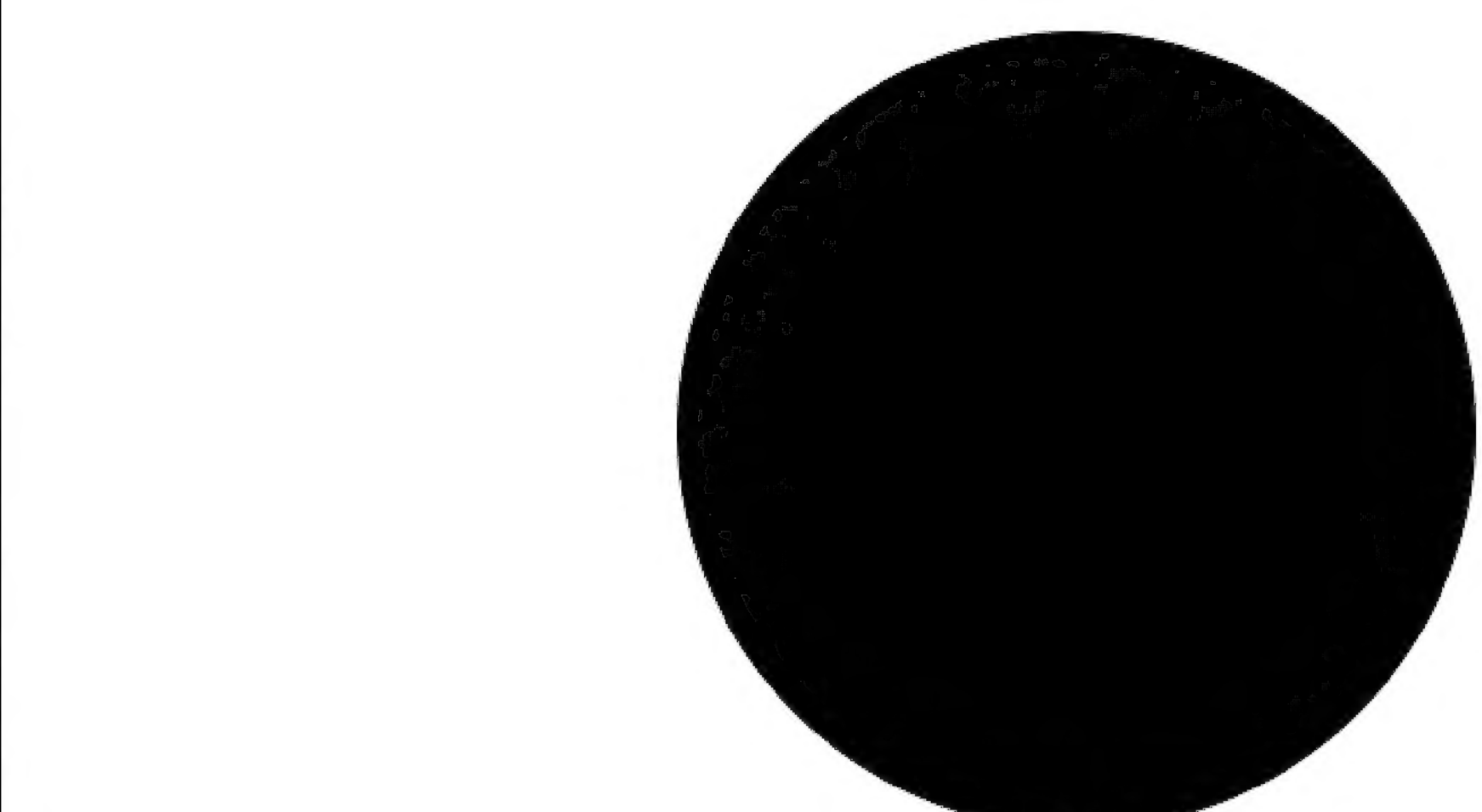
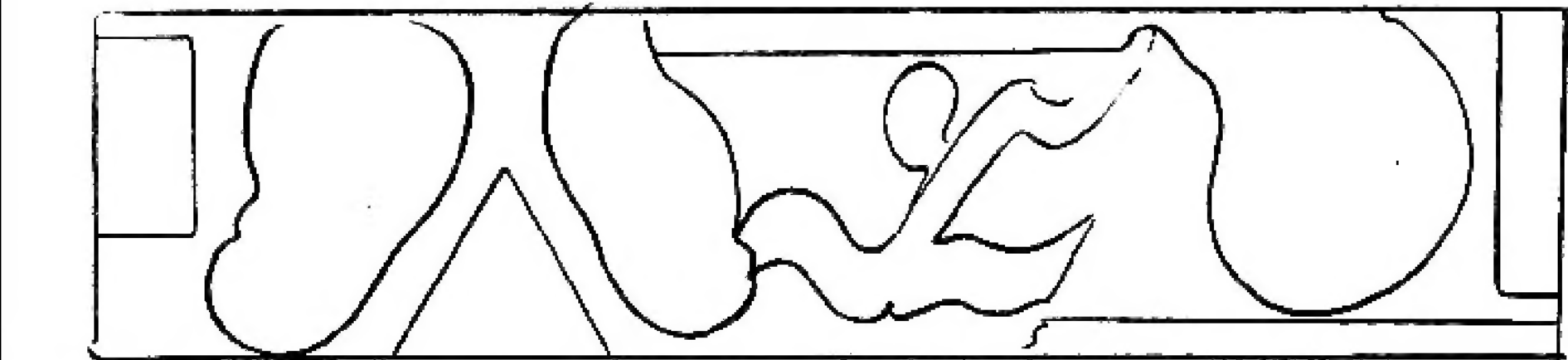
REGULARS: Colorful Backpack; Cooking Boy; Still-Faced Girl; Middle-Aged Latina Who Is Often On The Phone; Music Students (Jamie, Jason, The Only Girl, The Most Nondescript Music Student); Acne Kid; Tiny Girls #1 and #2; Reading Girl; The Researcher.

SMELLS AND TRUCKS: various exhausts, obviously; wet cloth; European Custom Casework; hair product; shit; cigarette smoke; Mr. Electric; nachos from the kid eating nachos for breakfast; somebody's perfume, not unpleasant; weed; Coca-Cola and Staples; cinnamon gum; cold air.

ATTIRE: Generally geared to the weather (colder = more hats and hoods, etc.). One notable day (11/18) had people dressed according to their internal temp: for some it was cold, others not. Otherwise, it's either suited to the person's age and plans for the day or it isn't—no way to ascertain without asking about the above. Headphone colors: pink, white, white, black, no headphones, pink.

DRINKS AND GESTURES: Phone-checking. Bottle of Nestea tucked into elbow crook. Tiny Girls #1 and #2 arrive arm in arm (the only time this happens). "Juice drink" held with grease-marked paper bag, unopened. Crossed/folded arms. Shuffling. Starbucks iced coffee with green straw on a cold day. Bag-swinging. Bag-adjusting. Large blank styrafoam cup, probably containing coffee. Hands in pockets. Cooking Kid runs a finger along the wet fence-top (I wouldn't). Makeup-checking is generally reserved for the bus itself. A woman shakes her hood off & hair out, pats it.

THE RESEARCHER: A short white lady with glasses who is always scribbling things in an awkwardly propped notebook and turning her head in weird directions (i.e., not straight ahead or left). No headphones, no drinks.



## Gossip Section

by Josephine Mendes

No gossip this month! Clean slate! Besides which I was mega, mega, MEGAAAAAAAAAAAA GONNNNNNE on New Years- seriously totally everything could've and probably did happen and we're all more or less dealing with it. New year, new concave, new principal!

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winky-sad " : ( " invented (or at least heavily propagated) by members of the band Tanlines. Jo Dery drew the MWM & iny howcase ads. Gil Cozzens drew his own dam ad. Tom Bubul drew the White Electric ad. CF drew the stuff that looks like the stuff he draws. James McShane drew Ambrose Bierce playing basketball. Nosferatu and original drawing of the Batman by Jackie H Curtiss

RIP CAPTAIN BEEFHEART, TEENA MARIE, MAGNOLIA SHORTY

## BIOGRAPHY: YVES KLIEN

Yves Klein (1928 - 1962) was an artist, prankster, mystic, and judo master, from that era when people didn't think all these things were already the same thing. The blurry way in which he interacted with the press, the public, the world of ideas, and the critical establishment laid the path for today's media rich meta-artistes. For this he certainly paid his debt, suffering the first of three ultimately fatal heart attacks while watching now-classic "mondo" exploitation movie "Mondo Cane", in which he was featured.

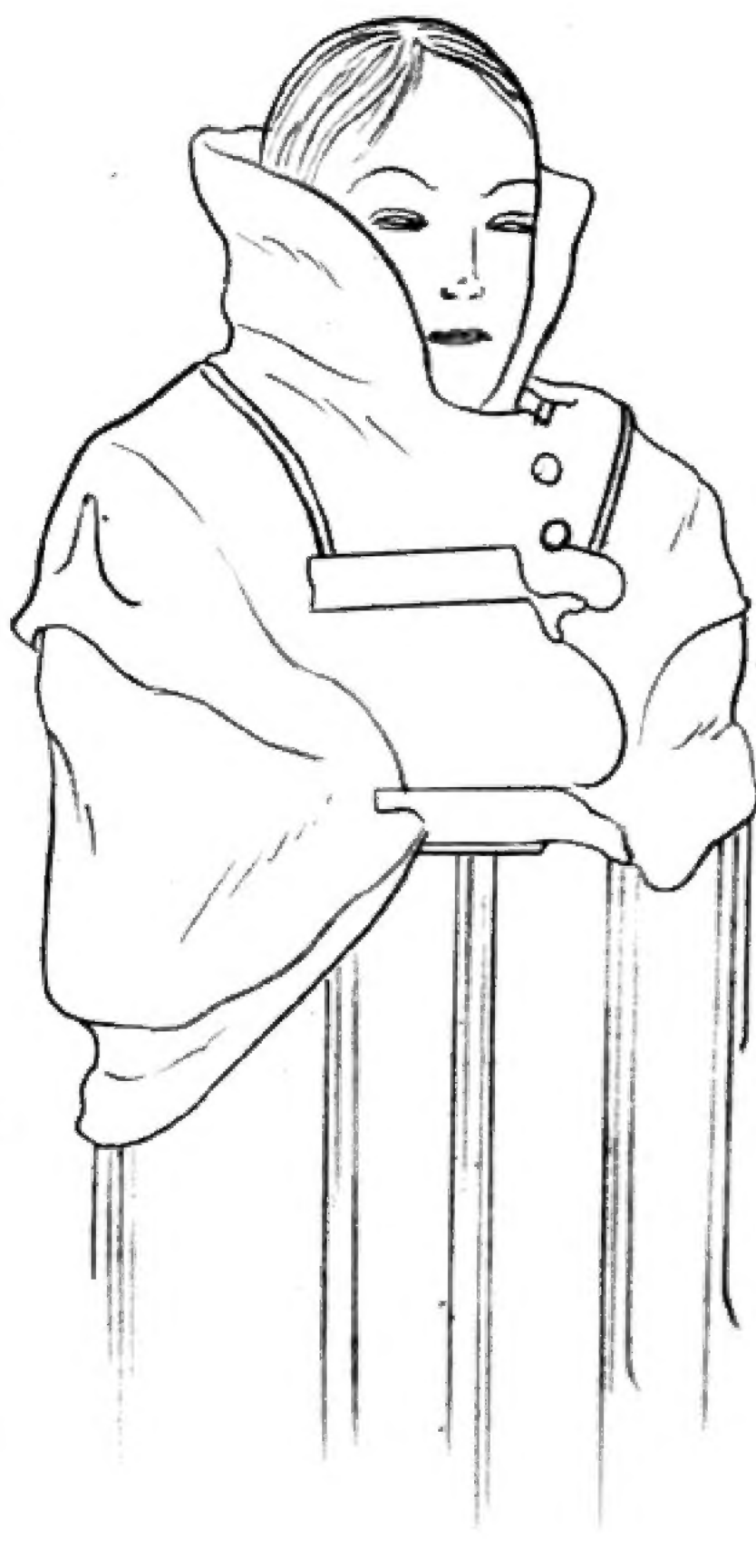
Klein began his artistic career when he and his megalomaniac friends sat down on a beach to divvy up the world. Rather than "the entire earth" or "words" (?), Yves chose the sky, and immediately signed it. In January 1957, Klein began painting and exhibiting fiercely monochromatic paintings in his signature shade, International Klein Blue. In addition to the paintings (the sole artworks presented), these exhibitions also involved armed guards, forged postage stamps, marches, balloons, models covered in wet paint (who acted as brushes), a full orchestra playing a single sustained chord for 20 minutes followed by 20 minutes of silence, and in one instance, an unstoppable combination of long lines to get in, free drinks, a completely (!) empty gallery space, and the drinks were spiked with a medical dye that made everyone piss royal blue the next day.

## MORE POEMS

by MW

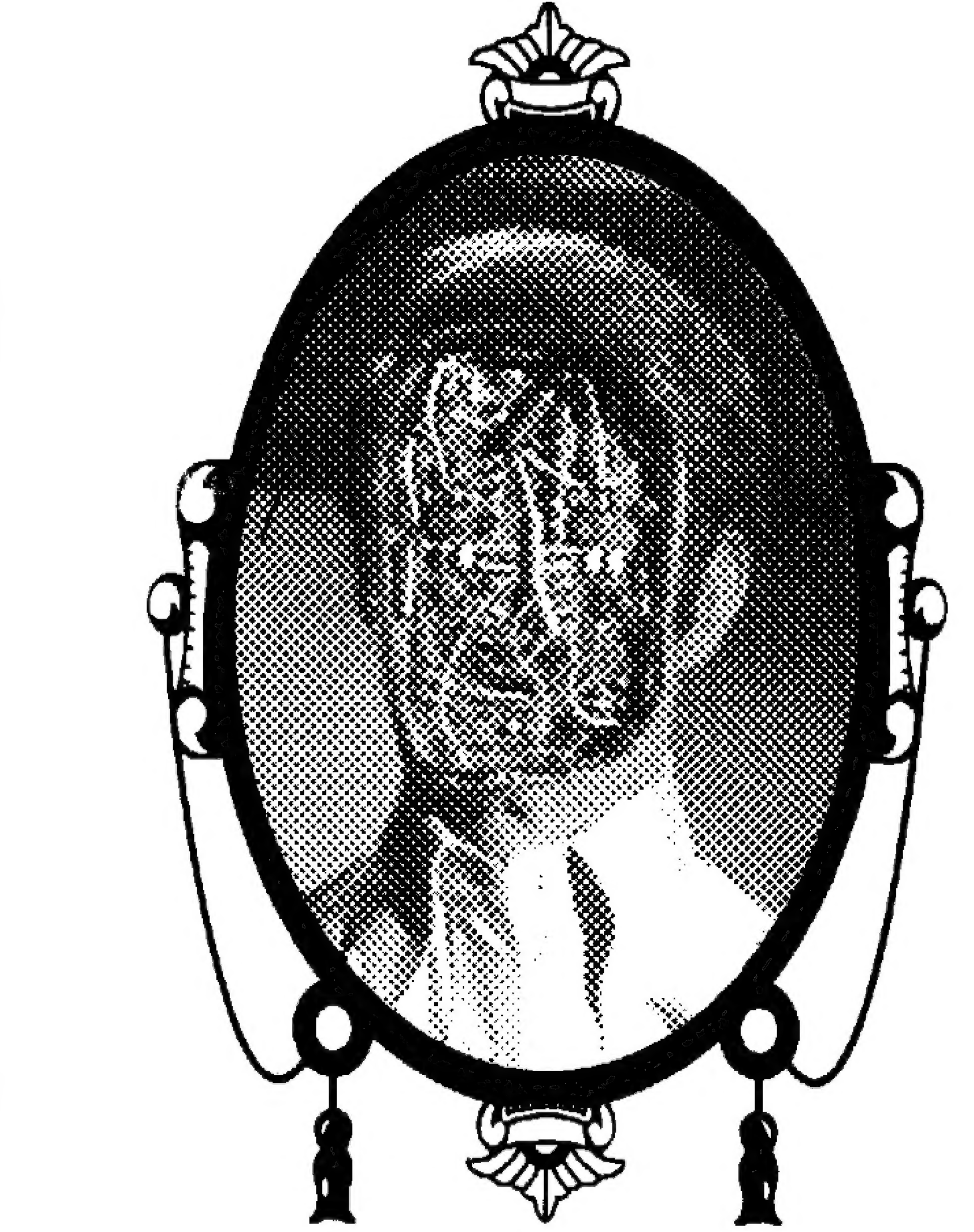
### THE WILL TO KNOW

The saint is in love with a book he can't lift can't read but its folds spread out around him willow downward he knows shade like the back of a wizened hand or wants to, knows he wants to



## MOTHERS TOP TEN

- in no order
1. Bill Orcutt - A New Way To Pay Old Debts; Holy shit is this a good record!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Semi-called out in the WIRE letters column for being harmonically simple and technically unaccomplished, but Hey That's The Blues. The phone rings on the first song and big soft spot for records on which the phone rings.
  2. Smog - Julius Caesar; basically the phone rings the duration of the record. I mean not really but yeah.
  3. Lil Wayne - 6"7"; "REAL G'S MOVE IN SILENCE LIKE LASANGA" keep trying to wrap your brain around that. It's a post-scarcity rap infosphere, everything is permanently blizzy from here to forever.
  4. Analord vol 1 - 11 by AFX; productivity music
  5. Twice-weekly jiu jitsu classes with Jack Priam; productivity music
  6. A one-piece mechanics jumpsuit; this is the coffee of clothes!
  7. Angst Hase Pfeffer Nase - Beatings With Gimpy Flighted Wings Entrapped By Post-Fence Of Garish-Flight; pretty ideal release from Western Mass "Just Musician" Chris Cooper.
  8. Getting Started in Electronics by Forrest M Mims III; still the best book on the subject, and handwritten like old Cometbusses! "Singin through you to me; thunderbolts caught easily / Shouts the truth peacefully / Electricity".
  9. Noise Nomads- Cornered, Shaft; great new cassette by everyone's favorite hair whipper / swamp draftsman!
  10. Morton Feldman and John Cage in conversation on archive.org. "Morty, let's say you're having a concert, and adjacent to the concert hall is a room with a radio on. would you want the door to be open or closed?" "I would want the door to be open, and the radio to be off".



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- Yo families: "Get revin for 2011!" - Raphael

- JUST MARRIED SHOUTOUT TO DBRUCE FROM JBRUCE -- LUVU4EVA

- BIG UPS, DAVIO! Thanks for being a rad mammal with good circulation, and for making winter so hot! <3 J

- Su'anu- Welcome to this world. We look forward to many trips around the sun with you. xo, Mom + Dad

- SHOUT OUT TO M WILSON FROM SWEET ANONYMOUS! IF DREAMIN OF YOU IS A CRIME, THEN I'M GUILTY!!!!!!

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